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### **Rep. Duchow Votes to Protect Wisconsinites with Pre-existing Conditions**

**MADISON** – Early Thursday morning, June 22, Representative Cindi Duchow (R-Town of Delafield) joined her Republican colleagues in voting to pass a bill that would ensure Wisconsinites with pre-existing conditions will not lose their insurance coverage. On a party line vote of 62-35, the Wisconsin State Assembly passed an amended version of Assembly Bill 365.

As amended, AB 365 prohibits insurance providers from increasing premiums or deductibles on individuals with pre-existing conditions who have maintained continuous insurance coverage. Additionally, it directs the Office of the Insurance Commissioner to develop a plan, subject to Joint Finance Committee approval, to assist those with pre-existing conditions who did not maintain continuous coverage by expanding affordable insurance options and increasing portability of plans. Rep. Duchow made this statement on passage of the bill:

“Despite the late hour, the Assembly was able to stay focused on the people of Wisconsin and pass a bill that will ensure those who have maintained continuous health insurance coverage cannot be denied coverage or see rate increases because of pre-existing conditions. Additionally, we ensured that those who haven’t maintained continuous coverage will still have affordable options available to them.

Unfortunately, Democrats decided to vote against their own bill because they didn’t expect us to pass it. I want to thank all of my Republican colleagues for standing up for the people of Wisconsin and protecting those with pre-existing conditions. This was a great bill and the right thing to do.”

*The 99<sup>th</sup> Assembly District includes the communities of Chenequa, Delafield, Dousman, Hartland, Merton, Nashotah, Oconomowoc Lake, Ottawa, and Wales; and portions of Genesee, North Prairie, Oconomowoc, and Summit.*

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